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Massachusetts, Inc., was ever in Israel, you just mixed them up because there's so many of them; is that correct?

A. Yes, I suspect that this piece of paper that you showed me before about -- that said Interface Group and it was from Hananel, I hope you're not going build -maybe I should hope you do it, because your whole case would be thrown out if you did it.

Q. Your case would be thrown out?

A. Your case would be thrown out, your defense. If you're going to say that one piece of -- here it is. One piece of paper means that we were doing business in Israel. I could show you the check that we were paid to sell this company. We sold it.

Q. When you say "this company," could you name the company?

A. The Interface Group Conference and Exposition Producers.

Q. Is that a corporation?

A. I don't know. 19

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Q. It doesn't say corporation anywhere --

A. Whether or not it's a corporation is not proven or disproven by whether or not the word I-N-C or 22 corporation is or is not used on a piece of stationery.

23 That's clearly and unquestionably outdated, should never 24

25 have been in Israel in the first place.

Page 100 Q. (By Mr. Hamilton) Were there any decisions made

that you did not make yourself?

3 A. Sure.

Q. By whom?

A. Hananel.

Q. Anyone else? A. No. During what period?

Q. At any time.

MR. LEVY: In the history of the company did anybody make a decision?

MR. HAMILTON: In Israel.

THE WITNESS: Well, I once was told that the secretary decided we should have spagnetti for lunch. So there's a spaghetti house downstairs from the office, and she said, "I ordered the lunch for you." I know she made that decision.

Q. (By Mr. Hamilton) Any others?

A. Yeah. Made the decision to get newspapers once in a while.

MR. LEVY: You're not serious that you want every decision that anybody made in the history of the company no matter how trivial? You can't be serious.

MR. HAMILTON: Well, I just want an answer to my question.

MR. LEVY: Your question is unending and

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Q. You own the company that had a branch office in Israel?

A. Yes. No, I did not. The reason why it was called partners, there were several people that were -we called ourselves partners rather than shareholders. That's why it was called that.

Q. But it was a corporation, and who owned the shares?

A. Me and three other people.

Q. And who -- did you have less than 51 percent?

A. No. Yes. No, I'm sorry. Sorry. I own more than 51 percent.

THE WITNESS: Can I take a ten-minute break? Can I take a ten-minute break, please?

MR. HAMILTON: Sure. It just comes off the time for all of us.

THE WITNESS: Okay. It comes off.

(Recess taken at 3:25, resuming at 3:37.)

Q. (By Mr. Hamilton) Who made all the decisions for the company that had a branch office in Israel?

MR. LEVY: When?

MR. HAMILTON: At any time.

THE WITNESS: And what decisions?

MR. LEVY: I've going to object to the form of

25 the question.

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unlimited. It asks for any decision anyone ever made. 2 His responses before, although they seemed silly, are absolutely correct responses to your question. 3

MR. HAMILTON: I suggest you limit the colloguy to objection to the form if you think there's a problem, Mr. Levy.

MR. LEVY: Just trying to move us along.

Q. (By Mr. Hamilton) Anyone else other than Mr. Hananel and the secretary that made decisions for the branch office in Israel of that company?

A. I need a time period and a subject matter.

Q. Does it make any difference?

13 A. Sure, it does. 14

Q. Who are the people involved in all of the decisions there?

A. I can't tell you that. I don't know. Besides, the reason that I can't understand your question, it's overly broad and impossible to answer. If you want to rephrase it, I'll give it my best try.

Q. How many employees of that company? MR. LEVY: In its history or currently or

22 when?

> THE WITNESS: At what time? MR. HAMILTON: At any time.

MR. LEVY: I object to the form of the

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2	Q. (By Mr. Hamilton) Go ahead and answer.	2	office; is that right?
3	MR. LEVY: Pick a time and answer.	3	MR. LEVY: Object to the form. Everything?
4	THE WITNESS: I'll respond to any time he asks	4	THE WITNESS: No, it's not everything I need.
5	me about.	5	It's just when I travel, it's convenient to have the
6	Q. (By Mr. Hamilton) I asked you the question. How	6	office equipment there in the event that I need it. I
7	many employees at any time in that company?	7	like going to an office, and I like sitting in an
8	A. I can't answer you in the manner in which you	8	office and answering answering a telephone and
9	asked me that question.	9	talking to my people in Vegas and in other parts of the
10	MR. LEVY: Do you mean that company, the	10	world. I don't like to sit at home and make those
11	branch in Israel, the company everywhere, a day?	11	calls.
12	Q. (By Mr. Hamilton) Let's start with Mr. Levy's	12	Q. (By Mr. Hamilton) And Mr. Raviv does not now
13	question. At the branch in Israel?	13	work for IPI's branch in Israel?
14	MR. LEVY: On what day?	14	A. No. There's nothing to do. IPI is inactive.
15	THE WITNESS: When?	15	All it is is only one investment left.
16	MR. HAMILTON: At any time.	16	Q. What's that?
17	MR. LEVY: But there may be different people	17	A. IMD Soft. That's it. You don't need an office
18	at different times. What's the point of the question?	18	to run that. I just personally pay all the expenses for
19	THE WITNESS: I'll give him a range. One to	19	me to have an office to go to when I go there.
20	three. Maybe one, two maybe four.	20	Q. Who does Mr. Raviv work for now?
21	Q. (By Mr. Hamilton) And some of them	21	A. He works for one of our companies here in Vegas.
22	A. To the best of my knowledge. It was an	22	Q. And he has an office Israel?
23	infinitesimal operation in the scheme of things.	23	A. He uses my office. I pay the expenses for that
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 - A. That's correct.
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MR. LEVY: Object to the form.

THE WITNESS: Again, I don't know what you mean "manage." If you'd just explain to me what you mean, I'll tell you. I'm not trying to -- to escape answering the question. Tell me what you mean "manage an investment." What does that mean?

MR. LEVY: Just help him out, tell him what functions you have in mind.

Q. (By Mr. Hamilton) Can you tell me what -- do you ever use the phrase "manage an investment"?

MR. LEVY: It's like a battle of the wills here. Tell him what functions you have in mind.

THE WITNESS: I never asked Mr. -- I'm not going to say that. I can't answer the question in which you asked it.

- Q. (By Mr. Hamilton) The question is did you ask anyone other than Mr. Hananel to manage any investments?
 - A. I'm sorry, I can't answer the question. Give me

Page 168 synonym or give him the functions you have in mind?

THE WITNESS: Because he doesn't understand himself.

MR. LEVY: That's the question. Why are you making it so difficult for yourself? He's ready to answer the question. Use a different word.

MR. HAMILTON: Mr. Levy, I prefer if you have an objection to the form of the question, maybe just limit yourself to that.

MR. LEVY: It's very aggravating.

- Q. (By Mr. Hamilton) Can you answer my question, please, Mr. Adelson?
 - A. No. I can't answer.

MR. LEVY: He can't answer your question, and you refuse to change the question to, perhaps, get an answer.

THE WITNESS: You don't clarify.

- Q. (By Mr. Hamilton) Did you ever exert any influence over any investments?
 - A. Of course I do.
- Q. Did Mr. Hananel ever exert any influence over any of your personal investments in Israel?
 - A. No. No.
 - Q. Did anyone other than that Hananel -
 - A. First of all --

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the -- give me the so-called investment and give me the -- the time frame and explain the word "manage." You can put anything under the concept of management.

If I say to somebody, "Transfer -- do me a favor. Call the bank and transfer some money or go take -- I got a check in, take it and put it in the bank," somebody could interpret that as managing something. I wouldn't interpret that as managing something. So I need to know how you use the word "management."

- Q. Have you ever managed --
- A. So limited. This was such a minuscule portion of my life that it's very difficult to -- to answer the questions the way you ask them.
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MR. LEVY: Can I just ask this question? Why are you involved in this battle of wills? Do you mean "manage" like a money manager, manager of a store? Do you mean "manage" like I can manage to do something? Why is it so difficult for you to come up with a

1 Q. Let me finish the question, please. Did 2 anyone --

A. I will no longer answer any question that has the word "manage" in it unless you ask me specifically, give me the time frame, give me the so-called investment.

- Q. Did anyone other than Mr. Hananel ever exert any influence over any of your personal investments in Israel at any time?
- A. You have to give me a time frame and give me an investment.

MR. LEVY: You haven't established that he made personal investments in Israel. I keep objecting, objecting, objecting, but you never let me say why, but I'm going to tell you, because we haven't established that he had any personal investments in Israel.

- Q. (By Mr. Hamilton) Are you confident that you've never had any personal investments in Israel, Mr. Adelson?
- 19 A. You didn't ask me that. Ask me if I have any 20 personal investments. 21
 - Q. Have you any personal investments in Israel?
- 22 A. To the best of my knowledge and to the best of 23 my professional judgment, the answer is no, beside what 24 IPI did.
 - Q. And with that qualification, have you ever had

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24 Hananel approached me to take Farbstein's place saying

he was selling the family business of Galilee Tours,

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- O. Did you discuss investments in Dunhill with Mr. Hananel?
 - A. What the heck is Dunhill?
- 14 Q. The international retail company for cigarette lighters and pipes? 15

MRS. HANANEL: No. No. No.

THE WITNESS: No.

- Q. (By Mr. Hamilton) The company that supplied -the company that supplied marble for the Venetian?
- A. They didn't supply marble for the Venetian. Hold on one second.
- O. No. No. If you could answer my question. MR. LEVY: Don't set him straight. Just answer the question.

MR. HAMILTON: Thank you. Appreciate it.

Q. What about did you ever discuss --

A. All of these things were thrown at me by the Israeli Export Institute or by others that we inquired about to look for -- to look for products any Israeli could buy. I'm a Zionist. A Zionist is somebody who believes in the homeland for the Jewish people, and I believe in that. I tried everything I could to do business.

As it turned out, I looked at several different things. I looked at carpet, I looked at marble, I looked at glass, and the only thing I ever got out of it was the parent company, the glass company, is in the States and we did business with them.

It never paid to buy anything from Israel, because, first of all, it was very difficult to do business with Israelies. Secondly, the cost of transportation for 8,000 miles made it impractical and not cost efficient. Why was I interested in buying? I wasn't interested in that.

Q. What about the Sport Mart?

MR. LEVY: Let me say something for the record. Just for the record, I know you're getting these questions from Mrs. Hananel, and she wants you to ask them. Just for the record, I want to note that we

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THE WITNESS: Ask the question again.

Q. (By Mr. Hamilton) Did you ever discuss an investment in Israel with respect to the company Dunhill?

A. No.

Q. What about --

A. If that's the name of the company that had a bicycle company and a marble company, I was never intended -- I was looking for suppliers in Israel to supply, because it's one of my Zionist things that I do.

Q. What about Carmel Carpets?

A. Never. 11

Q. Never -- never considered --

A. Never. Never. Never.

MR. LEVY: You're talking about an investment in Carmel Carpets?

THE WITNESS: Never.

MR. LEVY: I just wanted to make sure that he's answering the question.

18 THE WITNESS: Investments. Never. Never.

20 Never. 21 Q. (By Mr. Hamilton) Through IPI?

A. Never.

Q. Ever have any discussions --

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are here to -- on a deposition on an issue relating to jurisdiction in Massachusetts. I'm not sure what this has to do with it.

THE WITNESS: I don't think one question --MR. LEVY: Nevertheless, ask these questions, and I'm just going to note my objection for the record. And my objection for the record, also, is that I feel to the extent you ask these questions that in my mind have nothing to do with jurisdiction, when I go to ask 10 Mr. Hananel questions, that you've opened the door to areas that I would have normally thought had nothing to do with jurisdiction, may go to the merits of the case, and I feel free to ask questions about the merits of the case. Do these --

MR. HAMILTON: I'll accept that as a stipulation.

MR. LEVY: I'm not stipulating.

MR. HAMILTON: Okay.

MR. LEVY: You keep wanting me to stipulate. THE WITNESS: You can stipulate that he's

asking these questions. You can ask Hananel these 21 22 questions.

23 MR. HAMILTON: No, it's the question about 24 whether they relate to the case or not. 25

MR. LEVY: No.